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SUBJECT: WCRP VESSEL ACTIVITIES: THE LEAP DAL

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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY'S RELUCTANCE TO GIVE SPECIAL PRIORITY TO LEAP DAL REFUGEES. INDEED, IN TERMS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES, WE DO NOT SEE

HOW WE COULD DO SO LEGALLY. THERE IS LITTLE OR NO CHANCE FOR SPECIAL PAROLE ACTION TO DEAL WITH THIS GROUP AND WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO REQUEST INS TO PROVIDE CE NUMBERS ONLY TO MOVE THESE REFUGEES.

- 2. AS EMBASSY POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, PROBLEM IS A COMPLICATED ONE WHICH DEVELOPED, AT LEAST PARTIALLY, AS A RESULT OF A MISGUIDED BUT WELL INTENTIONED HUMANITARIAN EFFORT. IN ORDER TO BETTER ASSESS WHAT FUTURE COURSE IS MOST APPROPRIATE, WE AGREE THAT A BETTER SURVEY OF THE LEAP DAL REFUGEES IS NEEDED.
- 3. IT MAY PROVE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY SOME REFUGEES WHO WOULD BE QUALIFIED BOTH IN TERMS OF CRITERIA AND WITH A PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATE WHICH WOULD QUALIFY THEIR

DEPENDENTS FOR NON-PREFERENCE NUMBERS NOW OR IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. TO THIS EXTENT, PRIORITY MIGHT BE GIVEN IN THE PROCESSING OF SUCH REFUGEES TO ASSIST IN MEETING THIS PROBLEM. IN THE CASE OF OTHER REFUGEES, CLEARLY QUALIFIED UNDER USG CRITERIA BUT WITHOUT A QUALIFYING PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATE, EMBASSY SHOULD SUPPORT DR. JACK'S REPRESENTATION TO RTG (DAMRONG), INDICATING SUCH REFUGEES WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION AND PROBABLE APPROVAL UNDER THE US PROGRAM.

4. WITH RESPECT TO LEAP DAL REFUGEES WHO HAVE NO RECORD OF PRIOR REGISTRATION WITH THE RTG, UNHCR OR USG AND WHO CANNOT PROVIDE SOLID PROOF OF TRUE REFUGEE STATUS, WE ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURRENTLY NOT PERSUADED THAT USG SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN THEIR CASES. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IN CASE OF ROLAND, MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED TRANSFER OF REFUGEES FROM SHORE TO SHIP WHICH ESTABLISHES SOME OBLIGATION TO TAKE THEM BACK WHEN MATTERS GO AWRY. WE WONDER IF THIS ELEMENT PRESENT IN CASE OF RTG AND LEAP DAL.

5. WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENT AND FURTHER REPORTING. CHRISTOPHER

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